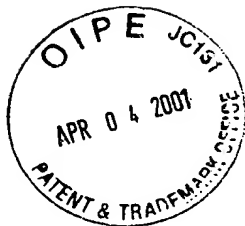


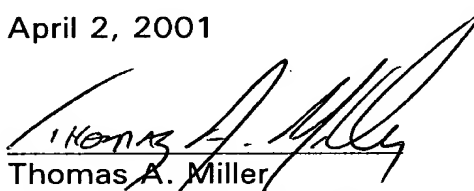
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Sir:

The patents and publications listed in the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the documents are enclosed as necessary.

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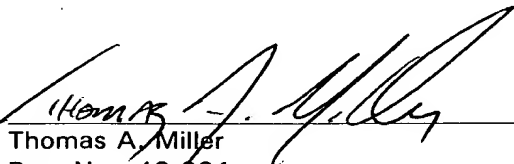
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